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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### LAUSANNE CONFERENCE.

#### THE MINORITIES PROBLEM.

##### TURKEY TO JOIN L.O.N.

LAUSANNE, December 14.  
At the conclusion of the minorities commission yesterday evening, there were very active efforts to prevent a rupture. There was much coming and going of British, French and Italian delegates till past midnight. Perhaps the most important intervention was that of the American delegate, Mr. Child, who had a long conversation with Ismet Pasha whom he strongly advised to be conciliatory. Ismet was very reticent and non-committal but the efficacy of Mr. Child's arguments in settling the minorities question was proved by the Turkish promise to-day cabled earlier.

A communique issued after the meeting of the minorities sub-commission to-day states that Earl Curzon noted with satisfaction Ismet's speech, notably his declaration of Turkey's intention to join the League of Nations. M. Barriere and Signor Garroni spoke similarly whereafter the sub-commission began its labours.

##### A SATISFACTORY RESULT.

LAUSANNE, December 14.  
This morning's meeting of the minorities sub-commission had a satisfactory result. Earl Curzon's stiff attitude towards the Turks completely altered their standpoint. They definitely promised to join the League of Nations. Earl Curzon expressed his pleasure to the chief delegates and then left the sub-commission to continue its work.

##### OURZON'S FIRMNESS TRIUMPHS.

LONDON, December 14.  
Earl Curzon's firmness supported by France and Italy triumphed at Lausanne, Ismet conceding all the points the Allies demanded except as regards the provision of a national home for the Armenians. Turkey's decision to join the League after the conclusion of peace eased the tension at Lausanne and is expected to shorten the duration of the conference. It will facilitate a complete understanding as when a deadlock is reached on any question it will probably be referred to the League similarly to the question of racial minorities. Turkey must still apply for admission to the League which can only be granted by the Assembly. It is probable that a special session will be summoned as the assembly does not meet before September.

##### JAPANESE IN SAGHALIEN.

##### NOT BRITAIN'S "PIDGIN."

LONDON, December 14.  
In the House of Commons replying to Mr. Trevelyan, who suggested approaching the other powers represented at the Washington conference with a view to joining in friendly representations to Japan to withdraw her troops from Russian Saghalien, Mr. Bonar Law said the Government did not consider they were called upon to initiate any action in the matter.

##### LLOYD GEORGE AGREES.

Mr. Lloyd George expressed great satisfaction with Mr. Bonar Law's statement and cordially agreed with his outline of policy. They could not hope to achieve finality but he hoped that when the conference resumed they would be able to register a further step along the road to settlement.

##### AMERICA'S FOREIGN CREDITS.

##### INCREASE ADVOCATED.

New York, December 14.  
At the annual conference of the Governors of the United States at White Sulphur Springs Mr. McKelvie, Governor of Nebraska, advocated the United States increasing the credits allowed to foreign governments with staple forms of government as a means of increasing the demand for American farm products. It should, however, be ascertained prior to granting the credit whether the nation concerned had reduced its armed forces to a sound peace basis.

##### NEW SWISS PRESIDENT.

BERN, December 14.  
M. Scheurer, a member of the Federal Council, has been designated president of the Confederation for 1923.

##### ENGLAND TRANSPORT DIVIDED.

LONDON, December 14.  
A Shell Transport interim dividend of two shillings free of tax has been declared.

### THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/3 1/16.  
To-day's opening rate 2/3 1/16.

### FOUR BY FOUR.

#### SWEET FOR HOME SECRETARY.

LONDON, December 14.  
In a parcel of chocolates addressed to the Home Secretary (Mr. W. O. Bridgman) and delivered at the Home Office the police found inserted similarly to the chocolate sent to the Commissioner of Police, Sir William Horwood, recently. The parcel was posted at Balham where Sir William Horwood's was also posted and it is believed that both crimes are the work of the same lunatic woman.

#### ALLEGATIONS AGAINST U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

##### IMPEACHMENT BECKONED UNLIKELY.

WASHINGTON, December 14.  
Senator Volstead, Chairman of the Judiciary committee of the Representatives, at a hearing of the charges against Attorney General Dougherty declared that judging by the character of the evidence already adduced, he did not believe it would be possible to secure an impeachment.

### RUHR OCCUPATION.

#### CLEMENCEAU OPPOSED TO IT.

PARIS, December 14.  
Interviewed by a representative of the Petit Parisien before sailing from New York, M. Clemenceau declared that he was opposed to the occupation of the Ruhr and suggested that the Anglo-French disagreement should be submitted to President Harding's arbitration.

### WASHINGTON TREATY.

#### FRANCE TO CONSIDER RATIFICATION NEXT MONTH.

PARIS, December 14.  
The Minister of Marine announced in the Chamber that the Government would submit the Washington agreements for ratification on the reassembling of Parliament in January.

### BRITISH TROOPS LEAVE DUBLIN.

#### FREE STATERS TAKE OVER.

LONDON, December 14.  
The evacuation of the remainder of the British troops in Dublin has begun. Free Staters took over the guards at the Vice-Regal lodge and occupied several barracks whence the troops marched out with bands playing and colours flying in the midst of cheering crowds.

### STEAMERS COLLIDE.

ANTWERP, December 14.  
The British steamer "Cian MacTavish" and the Japanese steamer "Erie Maru" collided. Both were slightly damaged. The former proceeded on her voyage and the latter will be temporarily repaired.

### NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS.

WELLINGTON, December 14.  
The complete result of the elections shows the state of parties to be: Government 38, Opposition 20, Labour 17, Independent 5. The majority of the latter are pledged not to vote but Mr. Massey on a non-confidence motion.

### HOME PARLIAMENT'S NEW SESSION.

LONDON, December 14.  
In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that the new session would open on February 13.

#### SELEMAN LINES TO CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON.

LONDON, December 14.  
Beginning with the "City of Simla" early in the New Year the Ellerman liners will call at Southampton on the outward voyage from the Continent to the Far East.

### M.C.C. BEAT FANTORIA RACE.

FANTORIA, December 14.  
The M.C.C. made 300 for 7 and declared. Pretoria scored 110 in their second innings Macanlay taking 5 for 12. The M.C.C. won by an innings and 47 runs.

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### INTIMATIONS

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Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE,

MATHEWSON & CO. LTD., Hongkong,

on MONDAY, the 18th day of

December 1922, at 5.15 p.m.

To Receive from the Committee a

Report, Balance Sheet and Statement

of Accounts for the year ended 30th

September 1922.

To Consider, and if thought ex-

pedient, pass a Resolution continuing

the additional subscription of \$2—

per month until the 31st December

1924.

To Elect Officers, Members of the

Committee, and an Auditor for the

ensuing year.

To Decide on any Resolution which

may be submitted to the Secretaries

& Treasurers four days prior to the

Meeting.

Any Other Business.

By Order of the Committee,

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING.

Secretaries and Treasurers.

Hongkong, December 7, 1922.

Nominations for members of the

General Committee should reach the

Secretaries and Treasurers not later

than 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 14th

December, 1922.

### HONGKONG BOXING

ASSOCIATION.

SECOND TOURNAMENT OF

THE SEASON.

Saturday, December 23rd,

at 8.15 p.m.

AT THE

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MAIN EVENT.

Fifteen round Contest for the Mid-

dweight Championship of the Colony

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Featherweight Contest, One Welter-

weight Contest, One Middleweight

Contest, and One Bantamweight

Contest, all of six rounds each.

A Band will play between the

events.

Booking at Montries—Members 20th

December, General Public from Decem-

### COFFIN LOAN SOCIETY.

GERMAN SCHEME CAUSED

BY POVERTY.

There is something particularly re-

velling in the idea of a communal

coffin, yet circumstances have forced

the poorer people in the German

town of Augsburg to form a coffin

loan society.

This has led to an unavoidable dis-

respect of the dead, and the mun-

icipal council has been moved to take

steps with a view to preventing the

scenes which have taken place.

The loan society, says a Berlin mes-

sage, came into existence owing to

the prices of coffins, which have in-

creased so considerably during recent

weeks that they are far beyond what

the lower classes can afford to pay.

When a poor family are bereaved

they can, on payment of a small fee,

now hire a coffin for the funeral day,

and then, after dark, the society's

staff bury the body and return the

coffin to a depot.

GRADED FUNERALS.

The corporation's proposal is the

result of a great outcry in the Press

against this inhuman practice.

The proposal is that the dead shall

be buried in plain wooden boxes that

will fit into the coffins, and after the

funeral ceremony the coffins shall be

returned to the society's quarters as

now.

It is suggested further to divide

funerals into four classes, and it is

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the boxes in the case of the fourth

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Best Steaks—Mol Long Pa .. lb.	24	12	12
Prime Cut .. lb.	20	12	12
Corried—Ham Ngan Yuk .. lb.	23	10	10
Roast—Shit .. lb.	24	22	22
Roast—Ngan Nam .. lb.	22	20	18
Scamp—Tong Yuk .. lb.	22	20	18
Steak—Ngan Yuk Pa .. lb.	24	22	22
Steak—Shit .. lb.	22	20	18
Sausages—Ngan Cheung .. lb.	22	20	18
Bellock's Brains—Ngan No per doz.	12	10	12
Tongue, fresh—Ngan Li each 50	10	60	60
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngan Li	60	—	—
each 75 cents.	—	—	—
Head—Ngan Nam .. each 1.00	1.00	1.20	—
Heart—Ngan Nam .. lb.	13	14	—
Hemp, Salt—Ngan Kiu .. lb.	22	20	18
Feet—Ngan Cheung .. lb.	12	10	12
Kidneys—Ngan Yiu .. lb.	12	10	12
—Ngan Mei .. lb.	20	20	22
Liver—Ngan Kiu .. lb.	16	13	14
Tripe (grounded) Ngan To lb.	6	7	—
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngan-tan-	—	—	—
tan-kau .. set \$1.50	1.00	1.00	—
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pak Kwak .. lb.	26	25	—
Leg—Yeung Pak .. lb.	26	25	—
Shoulder—Yeung Shan .. lb.	24	24	—
Saddle—Yeung On Yuk .. lb.	26	27	—
Pig's Chitlings—Chu Ohong .. lb.	26	27	—
Brains—Chu No .. per doz.	3	12	—
Feet—Chu Kien .. lb.	15	—	—
Fry—Chu Chap .. lb.	20	18	—
Head—Chu Tan .. lb.	18	—	—
Heart—Chu Tan .. each 10	10	10	—
Kidneys—Chu Yiu .. each 10	10	8	—
Liver—Chu Kiu .. lb.	30	24	—
Pork Chop—Chu Pak Kwak .. lb.	30	23	—
Leg—Chu Pak .. lb.	30	27	—
Loin—Chu Pak .. lb.	18	23	—
Fat or Lard—Chu Yiu .. lb.	22	21	—
Thigh's Head and Feet—Yeung	—	—	—
Tan-kau .. set 75	60	70	—
Heart—Yeung Sam .. each 10	8	7	—
Kidneys—Yeung Yiu .. each 10	12	10	—
Liver—Yeung Kiu .. lb.	38	25	—
Sucking Pigs to order—Chu Tan .. lb.	26	25	—
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngan Yuk .. lb.	26	20	—
Mutton—Shang Yeung Yuk .. lb.	40	28	—
Veal—Ngan Tui Yuk .. lb.	21	20	—
Sausages—Ngan Tui Cheung .. lb.	27	20	—
No. 1 .. lb. 26	—	—	—

#### Fish.

	December 7, 1922.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Carbel—Ka Yu .. lb.	24	19	24
Stream—Fiu Yu .. lb.	20	20	16
Jacken Fresh Water Fish—	—	—	—
Hoi Sin Yu .. lb.	20	18	16
Carb—Li Yu .. lb.	24	16	27
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	26	12	9
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	32	30	25
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	40	23	26
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	18	16	9
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	40	23	15
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	16	10	9
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	10	8	8
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	21	16	16
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	26	20	18
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	31	26	30
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	40	32	35
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	45	40	39
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	18	15	15
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	22	18	18
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	16	13	23
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	24	22	16
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	45	32	21
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	48	30	26
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	54	32	28
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	54	32	28
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	30	18	28
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	28	14	9
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	28	15	15
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	12	16	9
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	40	28	14
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	32	26	19
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	26	36	30
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	50	36	45
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	10	16	16
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	16	13	16
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	21	22	21
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	45	36	30
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	10	8	10
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	16	10	10
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	42	36	30
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	32	32	30
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	26	28	28
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	30	22	18
Yellow—Chu Yu .. lb.	28	18	22



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## CHECK-MATING THE PIRATE.

Having completed its public inquiry into the circumstances of the piracy itself and how these circumstances related to the piracy regulations, the "Sui An" Commission now tackles its second task, the private inquiry into "the adequacy of the existing regulations and the possible improvement of them." From the mass of evidence already tendered several very important conclusions emerge. These may be conveniently classed under three heads—prevention, motive, and deterrent. Owing to the conflicting demands of the piracy regulations, the fire regulations and the Board of Trade regulations, it seems clear that while grills, steam hoses and other existing precautions each help to reduce the risk of piracy, singly and jointly they must fail before any really determined and carefully planned attack. The second point, motive, has already been dealt with in this column—the greater the possible booty the greater the excitement-pirates will take. Mr. Wolfe, in his evidence, mentioned that a regulation existed requiring that the Captain Superintendent of Police should be notified when treasure was being carried, and doubtless the Commission will give due weight to his suggestion that a new regulation should be framed making it an offence for persons to incur "the very grave" risk of taking large sums aboard without first informing the authorities for them to take any extra precautions they might deem necessary. Now the third point—deterrent. Short of keeping ships in a state of siege the whole voyage, it seems practically impossible finally to eliminate the risk of attack, and it has been strongly emphasized excessive piracy precautions under existing regulations will meet added dangers where fire and wreck are

concerned. Therefore, next to removing special motive, great importance attaches to deterrent in the form of making capture of the pirates almost certain. Could this once be assured then pirates must respect the richest prize, however inadequate the other precautions, for the issue would then resolve itself into the question: "What doth it profit a pirate if he gain a ship but lose his escape?" Many people would undoubtedly feel safer on a ship minus grills, steam hoses and other precautions but supplied with certain means of bringing a destroyer rushing to their assistance rather than on a ship whose most elaborate and intricate precautions had only to be once overcome and complete success of coup and escape alike assured. Obviously the remedy is wireless, but not the wireless the wisecracks declared would have saved the "Sui An." That would have been readily accessible to the pirates, since surprise was the very essence of their success and few people really believed a Sunday excursion steamer would be seized. This wireless, as *Shipping and Engineering* (Shanghai) has pointed out, must be carefully protected—even, we add, if it takes every Indian guard on board to do this. Only let one message reach port when it becomes evident that piracy is afoot and swift capture is almost certain to follow. That is the surest way of meeting this menace. Increase the hazards, eliminate the special motive and make salutary punishment practically inevitable. These are the measures the Commission will doubtless examine now that it has begun its secret labours. The result should bring lasting benefit.

Dr. Einstein is to be asked to join the faculty of Tokyo Imperial University at a salary of at least a year, reports the *Osaka Asahi*. This University is wealthier than others in Japan and was able to engage Dr. Einstein for a year, at a salary of \$10,000 for the year and a "special" residence in being made to Dr. Einstein, but it is not known whether he will accept.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony to day.

Mr. D. W. Trautman is to be married shortly to Miss R. E. Malory Farmer, matron of the Peak Hospital.

There have been no nominations for the vacancy on the Licensing Board, caused by the retirement of Mr. M. S. Northcote.

"A Sale of Work is being held in the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, to-morrow (Saturday), from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. in aid of School Funds."—Adv.

A collection of 1,000 poems written by the late Empress Dowager of Japan will be published in three volumes at the end of the present month.

The wedding will take place shortly of Mr. William Miller Veanor, electrical engineer, of the Hongkong Hotel, to Miss Nell B. Avery, of Kingsclere Hotel.

The wedding took place in Shanghai last week of Miss W. Dobraszansky and Mr. J. J. Sheridan, the manager of Messrs. Caldbeck and McGregor Co., Ltd.

According to the *Canton Times* efforts are being made to develop the port of Hongkong, near Macao, those interested in the project including Mr. Tang Shao-yi.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 2, 1922, amounted to 84,825 tons and the sales during the period to 85,065 tons.

The accountant of a shop at No. 1, Taihsing Village, Saiwanho reports to the police that some one opened the safe by means of a duplicate key yesterday morning and stole \$996 in cash.

Departures by the "President Jackson" included Judge Milton D. Purdy, Mr. Roy C. Burdell, Mr. S. Kashio, Mr. D. Stewart, Mr. T. Joseph, Judge Skinner Turner and many others.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, President Emeritus of the Leland Stanford University, left Japan for America on December 1. He took with him five hundred specimens of Japanese fish for scientific classification.

Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues, the new Governor of Macao, left Europe for the Far East on the s.s. "Atanta Maru," which sailed from Marseilles on November 25. His Excellency is expected here about January 3.

The story comes from Peking that the ex-minister, Dr. Wellington Koo, Mr. Sun Tan-lin and Mr. Kao Hsiang-jung—all Wu Peifu's men—tried to escape from Peking but were arrested by armed police at the station.

Mr. B. Carter Millikin of the publicity department of the Presbyterian Board in New York, will arrive in Shanghai on December 19. He has been travelling through Japan, Korea and China collecting data and photographs for mission publicity work.

Japanese papers have revived the story, current at any time in China during the past few years, that the ex-emperor Hsuan Tung is about to leave the Forbidden City to go abroad. The Japanese version of the case is that he will leave early next year on a world tour, the first country to be visited being Japan.

The 1923 Blue Funnel Line calendar, issued here by the agents, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, shows an Alfred Holt liner, lights glow, leaving port in the early evening. Portrayed in delicate colours, this picture might be seen any fine evening in Hongkong's harbour. That's high praise but it is fully warranted.

Waterside workers at Hongkong are restive according to travellers who arrived by the "Chenghai" to-day says the *Sydney Sun* of November 16. "Passengers said that to them it seemed as though the workers were looking for the slightest excuse to lay waste to the waterfront." They attributed the unrest to Bolshevik influences.

The International Anti-opium Association at Peking, when invited by the Chinese Government to assist in the investigation of poppy growing, reported that it was unable to make such an investigation except at the Government's expense. The Association has now been advised by the Ministry of the Interior that the investigation will take place during the spring and summer of next year, when the poppy is in bloom.

## FOOTBALL.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

## TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE GAMES.

The following League Games will be played to-morrow—

## FIRST DIVISION.

Kings v Police, Sookumpoo "A" ground.  
Chinese v Kowloon, Chinese ground.  
R.G.A. v Durban, Navy "B" ground.

Tamar v Durban, Navy "A" ground.  
Club v Titania, Club ground.  
Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

## SECOND DIVISION.

Police v Auxiliaries, Navy "B" ground.  
Kings v Marazion, Sookumpoo "B" ground.

R.G.A. v Hawkins, Sookumpoo "A" ground.  
Ambrose v Chinese "A" Navy "A" ground.  
United v Chinese "B" Club ground.

St. Joseph's v Durban, St. Joseph's ground.  
Kowloon v University, Kowloon ground (Hungshom).

King's meet the Police and a win for the former is expected, although the latter have a funny way of upsetting calculations. The Soldiers' forward line is out of shooting form, and they will have to be very slick to beat Swan. They will need to improve on last week's form.

The Chinese-Kowloon game should be a very even one, although on the latter's form against the King's last week, one will expect to see the former get the points.

There is no doubt that on their present form the Gunners are in for a whacking to-morrow at the hands of the flag-ship. Their defence is very weak and they are surely in want of a good goalkeeper. Why don't they try and persuade Holloway to turn out again?

Tamar should have an easy win over the Durban, for the latter are a long way from getting a good team together. They could, in my opinion, make some good changes by giving some of their second string a chance in the team.

The game on the Club ground should be worth seeing, that is, providing the home team are at full strength. The Sailors have a fine team (though they might improve on their right half) and if Gale and Stocks play in the same positions as they did in the second half last week the forwards should do the same as they did against the Gunners. Nothing need be said about their centre forward; he is an ideal pivot. The Club will have all their work cut out to-morrow to keep their opponents out; they will certainly not have much time to think of scoring on their own behalf. With the teams playing as advertised, I fancy the Sailors will get home.

The Police second string should obtain their first win to-morrow, and the King's should beat the Marazion.

Hawkins, Ambrose and St. Joseph's should have easy wins.

The United-Chinese "B" should be a very close game with, I think, the latter just winning. A fast game on the Railway ground at Hungshom should see the University come away richer by two points.

I noticed from the papers, (I took the trouble to buy all of them for the purpose), that no report of the Association meeting held last Friday appeared. Why? Were they ashamed of the proceedings? I suppose they did not want the same controversy as happened a few months ago when the same Council did the same thing, and the Referee's Board resigned.

This is what happened. Three cases of misconduct had been dealt with by the Referee's Board and their recommendations came before the Association for confirmation. In regard to the first one, dealt with that of "sweating at a Referee," the Board recommended suspension for the remainder of the Season. This was wicked and a fine was recommended.

In the second the players had three charges against them (1) adopting a threatening attitude towards an opposing player, (2) refusing to play the Referee, (3) threatening a Referee. The Board recommended permanent suspension for two months. The third case was one of "sweating at a Referee" and the Board recommended suspension for the remainder of the Season. As the Referee's Board did not recommend suspension for the remainder of the Season, it was a wicked and a fine was recommended.

The outcome of the whole thing was the resignation of the Referee's Board again. Now a special committee has been appointed to carry on pending the re-formation of the Board. The Referee's in the Colony have my sympathy after that; they have no backing whatever, and they cannot go on the field with that confidence knowing full well that their authority will not be upheld by the Association.

There is good news to hand, the Sham Shui Po Club have accepted the local invitation for an inter-club match here. This will take place at Chinese New Year about February 16 or 17. The Association meets on Thursday next at 5.30 p.m. in the Recreation Room, Victoria Barracks, to make the necessary arrangements. It is to be hoped that all Clubs will be represented.

## "THE TEMPEST"

## A.D.C.'S PRODUCTION.

## MIRANDA.

Many critics have lost their hearts to Miranda and no one has excelled Coleridge's praise in delicacy of insight. Let us add but this—Shakespeare has contrived to mould her of frank goodness and yet present her as a fascinating, captivating by touches so noble that one can hardly conceive the part adequately rendered save by a princess in real life as noble as she—an Elizabeth of Bohemia, for example. She moves to her appointed happiness with fairness and music about her; but she sees no fairies, sings no song, simply walks straight as the dictate of her heart directs, and, so walking, steps straight beyond the magic her father has woven. This incomparable play contains nothing more subtly simple than her unconscious, quite fearless, outstripping of all Prospero's premeditated art. He has drawn around the island a magic circle as that which Ferdinand cannot step across. The play, like "A Midsummer-Night's Dream," plainly celebrates a betrothal and marches to the fruition of marriage joy. There is much music in both; in both the fairies are made abettors. But whereas in "A Midsummer-Night's Dream" the fairies were Warwickshire elves, playing their pranks anarchically, at their own sweet fancy, to bedevil mortals, the more farcical spirits of "The Tempest" obey, under threat, a mortal's compulsion. But Miranda is for the world, gently but fearlessly; on the primal instinct that makes homes, builds and populates cities, recreates and rules the race. Some have objected that this play does not develop; that "within Prospero's charmed circle, for the space of three hours, all stands still. In truth a great deal happens, and the ease of its happening is a trick of most cunning preparation.

## MANSLAUGHTER ALLEGED

## MOTOR DRIVER CHARGED.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. E. Lindsey heard evidence in the case in which Li Sing, a motor-car driver is charged with manslaughter.

The case is a sequel to the death of a workman named Li San on the Chinawan Road on October 27, and negligent driving is alleged against the accused.

The victim had both his thighs fractured in addition to a lot of other injuries, and was in a dying condition when admitted to the hospital. There was extensive peeling of the skin which Dr. K. K. Wang said could have been caused by scalding with tar.

A coolie, who was one of the road repairing gang, engaged in tarring a section of the road, said the car approached the gang at a very fast speed, and, after knocking the foreman down, it dragged his body along the road over the newly sprayed tar for a distance of some fifty or sixty feet.

Further hearing was adjourned until Thursday.

Take the first one, it is known that the team to which this player belongs will not be able to play again until February, and according to the decision, this can be brought up for reconsideration, as soon as they return—not much punishment for him.

No. 2 who pleaded guilty to all charges gets even less than the first culprit, while the last two players are punished for something that has not yet been proved against them. There must have been something wrong with the Association's "think box" that evening.

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## PEAK SCHOOL.

## DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Yesterday the pupils of the Peak School gathered together on the occasion of the annual prize giving successful scholars receiving their prizes at the hands of Mrs. Claud Severn. The earlier part of the proceedings was devoted to an entertainment and the children acquitted themselves in creditable style with songs, recitations and dancing. Amongst those present to witness the performance were the Hon. Mr. E. Irving (Director of Education) and Mrs. Irving, Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe, (Capt. Supt. of Police), Lady Ross, Davies and the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle.

## THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Head Mistress, Mrs. P. Y. Stark, then read the report for 1922 as follows: The School opened on January 5 with 58 pupils; the number of pupils present this month is 58. The attendance generally has been more regular than in 1921; during the Summer Term there was a distinct improvement. The health of the school has been good, only one or two cases of eyes and teeth requiring attention.

Two of the Class Rooms are being enlarged, and a new lavatory built. On account of this, the school is closing a week earlier than usual. It is expected that the alterations will be completed before the school re-opens on the 8th January next.

The Staff consists of the Head Mistress and three Assistant Mistresses. Mrs. Mackintosh left in September and was replaced by Miss Cooper, B.A. Madame Mousion visits the school for French, and Mrs. Ross for games and Physical Training while the Rev. Mr. Copley Moyle kindly gives Bible Lessons to the older children.

Fees are now paid by the Term, in advance. There are three terms in the year beginning respectively in January, April and September. The usual school subjects have been studied, and the work done has been generally satisfactory. There have not been any children old enough to enter for the University Local Examinations. A new Syllabus has been prepared for the British Schools, and as far as possible these schools will use the same Text Books, so that pupils who find it necessary to be transferred from one school to another will carry on with the same syllabus and the same books. Physical development has been as last year in charge of Mrs. Ross, who has done very good work. As in previous years the School Sports were, by the kindness of the Hon. Mrs. Claud Severn, held at "Tandem" and were much enjoyed by pupils and their parents and friends.

## PRIZE LIST.

Form 4:—Form Prize, Margaret Cameron; Class Marks (Special), Margaret Cameron; Scripture (Special) by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, Margaret Cameron.

Form 5:—Form Prize, Kenneth Chadwick; French, Kenneth Chadwick; Class Marks (Special), Kenneth Chadwick; Drawing, Theodora Cameron; Neatness (Special), Theodora Cameron; Recitation, Mary Sanders; Writing, Joyce Penman.

Form 7:—Form Prize, Peggy Hornell; Arithmetic, Hugh Nisbet; French, Allan Leask; Drawing, Valerie Bires; General Knowledge, Dick Shiner.

Form 8:—Form Prize, Joan Hornell; Writing, Marian Wolfe; Sewing, Nancy Rees.

Infants A:—Arithmetic, Iris Pfordten; Class Subjects, Neil Wilson; Reading, Ronald MacKichan; Recitation, Bruce Sutherland; Drawing, Alec MacKintosh; Arithmetic, Keith Nott.

Infants B:—Reading and Number, Malcolm Wilson; General Application and Handwork, Peggy Bridger; Reading and Number, Geoffrey Chapman; Reading and Writing, Phoebe Cansland; General Application, Edna Thornborough; Reading and Writing, Rita Hawker; General Application, Heather Lander; General Improvement, Jack Thornborough; Number, John Dutton; Handwork, Edna Breatley; General Improvement, Douglas Comrie; Oral Composition and Recitation, Lesley Bridger.

## YOU AND YOUR BABY CAN SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT.

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## NAUGHTY NEPHEWS.

## BROKE UNCLE'S WINDOWS.

## RESULT OF FAMILY FRICION.

Kwok Ping-lau and Kwok Ping-woon, two Chinese youths, well dressed in European clothes, appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's court to-day to answer a summons, taken out by Kwok Tse-yee, charging them with having smashed 43 panes of glass at No. 12, Queen's Road West.

Mr. G. R. Haywood appeared for the prosecution and Mr. M. K. Lo for the defence.

Mr. Lo said he understood that as the result of a letter he had written to Mr. Haywood on the defendants' behalf expressing regret for the occurrence and their willingness to repair the damage done, the complaint was prepared to withdraw the summons. He (Mr. Lo) would like to say, however, that his clients did not admit responsibility for the breaking of all the 43 panes of glass. They only broke a few in the heat of the moment, vexed at having to leave the house, and suggested that the rest were broken by coolies while removing furniture. Explaining his side of the story, Mr. Lo said the parties were relatives. There had been quite a lot of friction going on for some time over the family estate, and matters came to a head when the complainant bought the house in which the defendants were living for an exceptionally large sum, and, of course, the defendants had to move. This vexed the "young fellows" and they did a thing for which they were now genuinely sorry.

Admitting his willingness to withdraw the summons after what Mr. Lo had written, Mr. Haywood said, however, that the facts of the case as related by Mr. Lo were not entirely correct. The complainant who was 75 years of age, was the defendants' uncle. He was prepared to admit that there had been a lot of friction between the parties, but this was not the first time the youths have given trouble. The complainant saw the defendants breaking the windows with bamboo poles, and when he remonstrated with them they said they would do as they liked. Mr. Haywood added that he had been to see the house himself and there was not a pane of glass intact. He had never before seen such "utter destruction" as that wrought by the defendants.

The Magistrate granted permission to withdraw the summons.

## BOMBS AT MACAO.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE EXPLOSION.

News reached here yesterday of a sensational bomb explosion at Macao on Wednesday morning in the garden of Government House. The explosion is reported to have occurred at 10.30 a.m. There were no eye-witnesses of the occurrence, but very great excitement followed the explosion, which could be heard some distance away. No damage was done to the building itself, and only slight damage to the garden. Some large stones were carried by the explosion into the Central School for Girls near by. The police were immediately active investigating the affair and several Chinese have been arrested on suspicion.

## CHEFALO AND PALERMO.

## CHILDREN'S MATINEE TO-MORROW.

Chefalo and Palermo, the talented magicians, are to give two performances at the Theatre Royal on Saturday. There is to be a matinee at 5 p.m. when children will be admitted half price to all parts of the house, and since Mr. Chefalo is a great hand at dealing with juvenile audiences, the performance should prove a good deal of fun for all concerned. The Magician's presence will close with the 9.15 p.m. performance on Saturday night, when the sensational "sawing through a woman" and "poking eyes" feats will be repeated and some new stunts will be put on.

## BACK TO JAIL.

## STOLEN BABY'S CAP.

Mr. J. R. Wood (the Magistrate) sentenced a Chinese youth to three months' hard labour for having stolen a cap, with a gold ornament, from the head of a baby which was being carried on the mother's back in Yau Ma Tei.



## BAKERS' STRIKE.

## S.O.A. CALLS MEETINGS

## SOME MEN RETURN.

The employees of the Yee Heung bakery have returned to work and this morning the establishment was able to supply its customers as usual. It is reported that the *fokis* have reconsidered their decision as the result of the proprietors of the bakery having agreed to concede all the conditions demanded by their employees.

Seven of the Colony's principal bakeries are still affected by the dispute, and most of their employees are at present in Canton. They are the Cafe Wiseman, Donabje's, M. Y. San's, Hop Hing, Tung Lee, Hing Cheung and Sui Chun, the last named of Yaumatei.

At Mongkok, the *fokis* of the Pong Heung bakery stopped work for two hours yesterday and then the employees gave in and they returned to work. The Ching Loong and several other smaller bakeries are still unaffected by the strike, but *fokis* are reported to be satisfied with the conditions under which they are working at present.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs summoned three representatives of the Hip Tsin Labour Guild (foreign bakery employees guild) at 3.30 p.m. yesterday to discuss the situation and means of bringing about a settlement, but no definite came out of this meeting. Another meeting was called at 10 a.m., to day, and the Chairman of the Rice Guild was present. The outcome of the meeting is not yet known.

The bakeries which are affected by the strike are reported to be unanimously content to leave the settling of the dispute in the hands of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and are prepared to abide by his decision.

## GUILD CLOSED DOWN.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary received just as we were going to press this afternoon announces that "whereas it has been made to appear that the *Hip Tsin* *Tung Kung She* is being used and is likely to be used for purposes incompatible with the peace and good order of the Colony "H.E. the Governor has, with the advice of the Executive Council, declared it an unlawful society.

To the Hip Tsin *Tung Kung She* guild belong the employees of Hongkong's foreign bakeries. Its office is at 139 Des Voeux Road Central on the top floor.

## A VAIN PLEA.

## SAIWANHO ROBBERY CHARGE.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with having been concerned in the robbery at No. 53, Saiwanho, Shaikwan West, on December 13, when a bag and a box containing property worth \$92 were stolen.

First accused pleaded guilty. The other man said he knew nothing about the robbery. The box which was found in his possession was left with him for waste keeping by first accused while he went to the country.

Inspector Eames said the robbery occurred some time between 7 and 10 a.m., on the 13th, during the absence of the inmates. According to first defendant's statement after his arrest in West Point yesterday, he went to the house at the invitation of the second defendant and remained in the street while the second defendant went up and forced the staircase door. Second defendant then called him upstairs to move the bag and box, and he did so.

The Magistrate sentenced first defendant to three months' jail, and ordered the other man to be put on a new record charging him with robbery and receiving stolen property. The Magistrate said he would make arrangements for Mr. Lindsay to take the case, and the first man would be used as witness in the case.

## SMART WORK.

## BURGLARS' \$1,440 HAUL.

A burglar entered the first floor of No. 144, Wunging Street early this morning and made a collection of valuable worth \$1,440. He gained the roof by climbing up a waste pipe, and moving a pane of glass from the window, unobserved, the hot, thus gaining easy access to the flat. He went about 11.15 p.m. and took away the haul. It was reported that none of the inmates was disturbed.

## HONGKONG.

## HOW IT STRIKES A NEWCOMER.

## SOME FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

[Though not always correct in the eyes of the local resident, whose scorn and ridicule are excited by the unwarranted views of the presumptuous visitor "not ten minutes in the place," the first impressions of the ingenuous stranger within the gate are nevertheless sometimes interesting, if only as an expression of opinion, however divergent from the generally accepted view. Therefore, while the thought cannot be dismissed that the suppressed impressions—say not depressional—of the visitor might make more entertaining (or displeasing) reading than his expressed impressions: the unromantic resident, long since cold to the first glamour and surprise of a new country, must needs season justice with more than a modicum of irony, and, if by this time a cynic, knowing "the price of everything and the value of nothing," in his adopted home, must perforce contain himself with the bitter reflection that soon, too soon perhaps, familiarity will breed, if not exactly contempt, then at least indifference to the beauties, natural and artificial, that first charmed and delighted the impressionable visitor. With this little note, we give below the impressions of a newcomer whose obvious sincerity and enthusiasm are equally refreshing. He signs himself "J. C."]

I'll confess outright my love for Hongkong. If I didn't I should betray my true feelings. It was just a week ago that, after a six weeks' journey from England, I sailed into port and caught my first glimpse of this gem of an island. How did it strike me? Well, those who know Hongkong, or even those who don't, I ask to balance these facts and judge accordingly: It is my first time out East. I have known hardly any other city but London (where to be choked by fog is quite common; where to use an umbrella is quite the fashion; where sunshine seldom comes and where chits are never signed). I have romantic ideas. And England as a whole—well, since the Armistice, life there has little improved, what with the spectre of unemployment, the stagnancy in trade and a thousand and one other things. Arriving here one can appreciate the beauty of Hongkong and console oneself with the fact that City of Victoria and the East generally are full of activity. My comparison of the East with the West at the present moment is, that while the former is uplifting, the latter is depressing. I am sorry to say this of the old country but it is quite true—at least from my point of view. Still, they tell me I have a Hongkong summer to face yet, and considering the number of people who didn't forget to remind me about it, it's a wonder my dearest friends are not mourning for me already.

But I am departing from the subject of my first impressions. Yes, Hongkong literally took me by surprise. Why? Simply because I had never seen anything like it before. On the other hand had I travelled the world a little I might have written of Hongkong in a more critical strain. However, you have my comprehensive opinion of Hongkong and dividing that opinion I first of all come to the Peak.

The Peak to my mind is a veritable fairyland something like the fairyland I read of in my young school days, when some barren wilderness was turned into a beautiful garden of thickly studded trees, sweet flowers, long winding roads and majestic palaces. I think that is a combination of fairyland elements fitting enough any time for the Hongkong Peak. As I walked along the Bowen Road (only to mention that one) I did indeed feel like the King of all surveyed and never more than then did I experience the sense of romance.

And when I viewed Victoria from the summit of the Peak I paused at length for fear I had been massed of granite that had fallen from the Peak to be ultimately submerged by the sea, and had it not been that I looked far ahead and saw the movement of ocean-going vessels I would have despaired the Peak immediately to make sure that I was not the only solitary mortal in Hongkong.

My panoramic impression of Victoria at night time will also remain stamped on my memory for years to come. I looked to be going into some large jeweller's shop, admiring with feverish curiosity a wonderful collection of glittering diamonds. And then I woke up! I really was deceived that time.

Repulse Bay. When I visited this place spot of Hongkong I did so in ideal weather, and I'll confess my impressions of this beautiful Bay with the one word—Magnificent. The bulk of the monthly work here, I confess, is done by the Chinese, and what impressed me in this respect was that it was partly carried through at the price of child labour, a working

## COMPANY REPORT.

## CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIM TED.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. Ltd. will be held in London on December 11, 1922, when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1922 will be submitted.

EXTRACT FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT. The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss Account of £8,130, made up as follows:—

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profit plus China Interest, £352,295  
Interest in Europe, 25,735  
Profit on Sales of Government Stock, 10,805  
Agency Fees, 6,000  
Sundry Receipts, 333  
Balance brought forward, £1,752  
(after deducting £1,752 Sundry Items) 19,988

Total, £415,156

## DEDUCT:

Expenses in Europe, £16,613  
Directors' Fees, 4,200  
Exchange, 19,569  
Income Tax, 155,244  
Corporation Profit Tax, 21,300  
Interim Dividend paid 15th May 1922, 140,000 357,026  
Leaving a Net Balance of, £58,130

which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—  
Final Dividend 3-1/2% (free of Income Tax) £49,000  
Directors' Fees, 4,200  
Sundry Items, 1,819  
Expenses in connection with increase of Capital, 1,351  
Balance carried forward, 5,960 £58,130

## OUR FIRE BRIGADE.

## NEW QUARTERS NOW OCCUPIED.

The headquarters of the Fire Brigade have been transferred to spacious premises on the ground floor of Stephen's Building, the erection of which has just been completed on the site of the old Victoria Cinema Theatre in Des Voeux Road Central. The brigade will remain in these new quarters pending the completion of a modern Fire Station opposite the Central Market. The work on it has just been taken in hand, and it is estimated that it will take at least a couple of years to complete. The men and the fire engines, ambulance etc., quitted the old Station in Queen's Road yesterday. Directly the moving was completed, the telephone arrangements and fire alarm bells were switched on to the new station. These arrangements remain the same as before, and the telephone call for the Brigade in case of fire is as it was before the change—Central 630.

Quarters have been provided in the new station for the Superintendent, the Station Officer and 64 Chinese firemen. The latter's quarters are divided into two sections, each section accommodates 32 men. They have been fitted with brand new furniture. There is a roomy mess room, a well-ventilated kitchen and half-a-dozen bathrooms, fitted with Shanghai baths. The Superintendent's and Station Officer's quarters are on the top floor of the building and consist of two rooms each, of five rooms each.

condition which to my mind calls for serious comment. Every day I see the same little Chinese girl in common with hundreds of others. I suppose, struggling under the burden of weight which English girls seldom carry. That is the unhappy impression I derived from working conditions in Hongkong, and whether such exploitation of child labour will be stopped or not my first impression will remain an unpleasant memory.

## TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

(THE Undersigned have received instructions from THE CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, to sell by Public Auction,

on **THURSDAY,** December 21, 1922, at 2.30 p.m., at Central Police Station, Police and Fire Departments, A Quantity of **Condemned and Confiscated Goods,** comprising:—  
Old Boots, Old Iron, Fire Hose, Old Rubber Tyres, etc., etc.  
Terms:—Cash on delivery.  
Auctioneers in the Government.  
Hongkong, December 15, 1922.

## TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each (as announced in May and June of last year), providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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on **TUESDAY,** December 19, 1922, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee Hing Street.

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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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## U.S. SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.

## A FRESH AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

WASHINGTON, December 14.

Republican Senator Brookhart has proposed an amendment of the Ship Subsidy Bill granting a subsidy to American industrial and agricultural producers. He favored a ten per cent. rebate on freight charges on products for export from points of origin if shipped by Government aided vessels.

## ANTI-RUSSIAN AGITATION.

## LITVINOFF ACCUSES BRITAIN.

Riga, December 15.

A message from Moscow states that M. Litvinoff, the chief Russian delegate to the Moscow disarmament conference, in a statement to journalists, complained of its breakdown and declared that Russia was not guaranteed against Japanese aggression or British intrigue. He charged the British with fomenting an anti-Russian agitation in the Far East, not grudging gold for it. The disarmament conference broke down through the attitude of the border delegations at the outset.

## HARD ON HONGKONG.

CRIMINAL WHO CAN'T BE  
BANISHED.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning with having been found in an earthenware shop in Wing Lok Street at 5 p.m. yesterday, with a number of skeleton keys in his possession.

After evidence, the Magistrate convicted. Inspector Caygill then proved 22 previous convictions for stealing; and said that the last time defendant was arrested, he received three years' jail. He completed that term on October 4 last.

The Magistrate asked why defendant was not banished.

The Inspector said he could not be banished because he was locally born. The Magistrate in passing sentence of 3 months' jail, said that that was all he was entitled to give in such a case.

## RENTS CLAIM.

## SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

The remanded Rents Ordinance case in which *maia fides* were alleged against Yee Hok, the owner of a house in Kinsau Lane was mooted before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, when Mr. F. G. Vaux, solicitor for the former tenant of the house, (the complainant in the case), asked for permission to withdraw the summons, a settlement having been reached out of Court, following the Magistrate's suggestion that the landlord should pay compensation.

Mr. Vaux also asked for permission to withdraw nine other similar summonses which are awaiting hearing.

Mr. M. K. Lo was the solicitor for the defence in all ten cases.

The necessary permission was granted and all of the cases were withdrawn.

## CANTON TRAGEDY.

RICHES, DISPUTE ENDS IN  
MURDER.

Captain Leo Sui Wai, who shot and killed two policemen and wounded two others on the Bund East last Wednesday, has confessed his crime according to the *Canton Times*. It may be recalled, says that journal, that this army officer when being interviewed by police for assaulting a rickshaw coolie who was pressing him for an additional fare of five cents, shot four policemen, including our agent.

The funeral of the sergeant, Ng Po, took place yesterday at 11 Chong Um. The funeral of the policeman, Chow Chin, another one killed, will be held to-day. The wounded two are now in Government Hospital and may recover.

## CANTON ITEMS.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Suncing Railroad Company which has been in existence for 17 years has just announced its first dividend—four per cent.

According to the Southern News Agency, the Canton Government is sending detectives to Hongkong and Macao to prevent further smuggling of arms from these ports to Canton.

Mr. Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press of America, who has been visiting North China and lately arrived at Hongkong, is to visit Canton to-day. The Canton Press Association extended him an invitation to meet its members at luncheon.

According to the report of the Canton Police, there are now 918 places of public worship, including monasteries, nunneries, ancestral temples, and others in the city. It has been the desire of the Government to impose a tax on them and all these institutions have been requested to submit their land deeds and titles for inspection.

The fire at Sup Sam Hong, Canton, early on the morning of December 8, caused a damage of some \$175,000 to the many insurance companies and agencies in Canton. The Commercial Insurance Company will have paid out \$63,000; the largest amount involved, if its claims are settled, while the Shanghai, the Nam Yu, and others have suffered but \$1,000 each.

The Headquarters of the Army of Kwangtung has instructed all military stations to prohibit the use of foreign flags by Chinese steam launches. It is said, observes the *Canton Times* that some Chinese are unwilling to suffer as Chinese for their indifference in improving their conditions and have been avoiding the disadvantage of having their vessels commandeered for military transportation by displaying foreign flags.

A vernacular daily in Canton has given the number of waitresses now being employed in the different tea houses and restaurants as more than 300. They receive from \$10 to \$20 a month, aside from tips and other miscellaneous receipts belonging wholly to the employees. The qualifications for a first class waitress, according to this journal, are pretty well built, well dressed, and attentive to customers. The paper complains that many tea houses are employing waitresses not so much to afford employment to women as to attract men to patronize them.

## PEKING FINANCES.

PEKING, December 15.

Arrangements were completed this afternoon for telegraphic transmission from Shanghai by the banks concerned of sale funds to meet the payment of the loans by loan coupons due to-morrow—*Reuter*.

## ODDS AND ENDS.

## MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

## Needle Death.

An inquest was held at Liverpool on Francis Sharp, 46, a hairdresser, who died as a result of a needle lodging in his throat after he had eaten a dinner of stuffed rabbit. The woman who prepared the rabbit for dinner said that the ordinary sewing needle which was used to stitch up the rabbit might by some means have been left in the body of the animal. It was stated that after Sharp had eaten his dinner he complained of having a bone stuck in his throat. His neck began to swell and he went into the infirmary, where an operation was performed, but the needle which had lodged in his throat could not be removed and he died as a result of inflammation of the throat.

## White City Sold.

The White City, Shepherd's Bush, was purchased by Mr. Eustace Gray, of the Holborn Empire, W.C., for £500,000. The auction took place in one of the exhibition halls and the bidding, which began at £300,000, occupied little more than a minute. Mr. Eustace Gray stated that the purchase is purely a private venture of his own. "It is my intention," he said, "to run the White City as a great exhibition. The first year's exhibition will be in the nature of an 'Entente Cordiale' in which I hope to have France well represented. Work on the buildings, furnishing, and the like will be started immediately, and the gates will be opened to the public in the spring of next year."

## The Dickens Spirit

In the old-fashioned dining-room of one of London's oldest inns, Ye Mitre Tavern, Chancery Lane, the members of the Sawdust Club have just met at their annual banquet. They are elderly men who have made a cult of Dickens—who live in his pages and to whom Pickwick is as a brother. The floor of the room was strewn with sawdust; an old-fashioned, sawdust-filled spittoon was placed by the chair of each guest; "objekt" warder" pipes were served out; and at the head of the table, where sat the venerable dignitary known as the "Chief Sawyer," there was set a huge bowl of hot punch. To him the members passed their glasses for replenishment, and, after loyal toasts, the evening was spent in reverent readings from Dickens's works.

## Stango Kisser.

A report that "prudish" English actresses object to real kisses on the stage has caused some amusement at Berlin, writes the correspondent of a home paper from there, incidentally prompting her to add the publication of the views told on the subject by leading German operatic and theatrical stars. Most of the actresses and singers interviewed agreed that "imitation" kisses on the stage are absurd, but several say that "real" kisses, in the sense that they are the expression of real emotion, rarely occur.

One operatic singer says: "An artist, when the author intends her to kiss, should kiss or be kissed as she enjoys it. The illusion of the public is destroyed if only a pretence at kissing is made. The opposition view comes from an actress of the State theatre in Berlin, who says: 'Every actress must be guided in this matter by her own feelings. Personally I allow myself to be kissed only by my husband, mother, or father.'"

## Wonderful Secret of the War.

What greeted the sight of the salvagers of H.M.S. "Vindictive" when the great battleship was raised at Zeebrugge is revealed by Lieut. General Sir Edward Bethune. Sir Edward who is approaching three score years and ten, signed on as a cook or cabin boy on the "Gundreda," one of the most up to date salvage steamers. He was present when Capt. Fryatt's ship, the "Brus ely" H.M.S. "Iphigeneia" H.M.S. "Thetis" and "Vindictive" were brought to the surface. When saving the last vessel, relates Sir Edward, the crew of the "Gundreda" had the feeling that they were in touch with the dead—it was almost as though they were opening up a tomb. When the great ship rose to the surface there was on board the remains of a woman. No one knows to this day who she was or how she came to be there. The Admiralty was horrified at the breach of discipline, but honourably kept the secret. The remains were given the same burial with full honours, as those who had fallen in the battle, and it was a very sad moment when the poor body was brought ashore. Every man on the "Vindictive" expedition was a volunteer, and in Sir Edward's opinion the woman may have had someone dear to her on board. Rather than be portered, the secreted herself on board and died with her man.

## MAIL WEEK NEWS.

Putting £200 on a horse named Sydney at a race at Le Tremblay, near Paris, recently, the owner, M. Bezaud, won £14,000.

The state coach in which successive Lord Chancellors from Lord Eldon, who was appointed in 1801, to Lord Birkenhead rode, has been sold.

Accused of having been a spy in the service of Germany for 20 years before the war, a Frenchman, Lucien Courtois, aged 73, appeared before the Paris Assize Court.

All ranks in the Army were permitted to wear a poppy in memory of the battlefields on the uniform head-dress when not on duty, on the fourth anniversary of Armistice Day.

Owing to a thick fog a motor-coach conveying 18 miners from Holbrook Colliery to their homes at Eekington, Derbyshire, dropped into a garden and overturned. No one was injured.

Miss Elsa Macfarlane, the soprano of the "Co-Optimists," appearing at the Prince of Wales Theatre, is to marry Mr. Clifford Whitley, one of the founders and directors of the party.

The Earl of Malmesbury has decided to sell large portions of his estate at Lansdowne Park, Malmesbury Park, and Springbourne, Bournemouth, comprising more than 2,500 houses and 132 shops.

Found guilty but insane on a charge of murdering her three-year-old daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Fahn, of Kilkie street, Fulham, S.W., was at the Old Bailey ordered to be detained during his Majesty's pleasure.

A memorial tablet to Rites Cavell, who gave her life for her Belgian friends in 1915 was unveiled at Christ Church, Brussels, in the presence of the King of the Belgians and Sir George Grahame, the British Ambassador.

Judgment was given for Earl Beatty at Kingston-on-Thames County Court in a claim against Mr. G. H. Ellis, of Hampton Wick, Surrey, for £10, the balance of the purchase price, £50, of Earl Beatty's sailing yacht "Doris."

Spanish troops at Melilla, Morocco, supported by naval and air forces, have opened an attack in the Alhucemas region and occupied five important positions with relatively small losses. Two guns were captured from the tribesmen.

A new council for the International Labour Office formed at the Washington Conference early this year was elected at Geneva and comprises representatives of Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Canada, and India.

On a charge of manslaughter of Miss Hilda Ruth Gratton, killed while pillion-riding on a motor-cycle at Chudwell Hill, near Ilford, Francis Ernest Wood, an omnibus driver of Saffron Walden, Essex, was at Ilford committed for trial.

In accordance with his wishes, the remains of the late Mr. George Cadbury, chairman of Cadbury Bros. Ltd., were cremated privately. A memorial service was held afterwards at Bonville village, Devon, on which a memorial is to be erected to contain the urn of ashes.

Colonel Archer Shee, speaking at the annual dinner of the Emsbury and Holborn Licensed Victuallers' Trade Protection Association at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen-street, W. C., said he hoped the new Government would bring down the price of beer.

Awarding £100 damages at Brighton County Court to a motor cyclist who was knocked down by a man who was pillion rider, Judge Moore (announced) said: "I hope people who ride motor-cycles will realise that in carrying others on the pillion seat they are guilty of a very dangerous practice."

At an inquest at Cheekpoint, Waterford, on a boy named James Caffery, his grandmother stated he had eaten herring on the day before his death, and had been in the habit of eating "crabs," or green wild apples, from a tree close to the house. The jury found that death was due to food poisoning.

The Great Western Railway engine sheds at Oxwerry, Sharnham, were the scene of a fire about 6 o'clock one afternoon. Hundreds of townspeople and railwaymen helped in the rescue of 20 or more locomotives and engines which were without steam. Engines were attached to the engine and the crowd of spectators joined in the task of hauling them out. Nearly all the engines were removed safely.

## SMUGGLING.

## AND SHIP'S OFFICERS.

## SHANGHAI JOURNAL'S COMMENT.

A few weeks ago (says *Shipping and Engineering* (Shanghai)) we commented on a statement made by the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong to the effect that ship's officers on the China Coast indulged in the smuggling of drugs and that they were paid to keep their eyes shut to what is going on. We expressed the opinion then, and adhere to it now, that while in the Merchant Service, as in every other walk of life, there may be found black sheep, it is certain that by far the great majority of ship's officers on the China Coast are of proved integrity, that they are absolutely above suspicion and that they possess the untrammelled trust of their employers. It will be remembered that a strong protest was made to the Colonial Secretary by representatives of the "Deck Officers" and "Engineers' Societies" on the Coast, and that he made what amounted to practically an absolute retraction of the statement he uttered before the Legislative Council of Hongkong. We understand that the authorities at Hongkong were able to provide definite proof that one officer only had both connived at and condoned smuggling on his ship—quite a small vessel—but this appears to be the only definite fact that it was possible to produce in support of a sweeping statement. The retraction of his original statement by the Colonial Secretary has already been published in these columns and one cannot but admire the frank and open manner in which he disclaimed any intention of casting a slur on the Merchant Service as a whole. Whatever feeling may have been caused by the original remarks of Mr. Fletcher must have entirely vanished by the nature of his correction, which constitutes the perfect *amende honorable* so far as the Merchant Service officers on the China Coast are concerned.

While we have taken a definite attitude against any suggestion that ship's officers in these parts do go in for smuggling as a whole, we know that in Shanghai, as in Hongkong, glaring cases sometimes do come to light, and the details of them after as given to us are so regrettable, and constitute such an indictment of the persons concerned, that they are deserving of far more publicity than the small amount which has trickled out.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Nikko Maru" engaged on the regular Shanghai-Canton service, arrived at Shanghai on November 29, and the searches of the Chinese Maritime Customs who went on board discovered a quantity of morphine (of a kindred poison) to the value of many thousands of Taels. The 40,000 has been mentioned as the value of the contraband, but we are unable to state this as a fact. What we do state, however, and we have it on reliable information, is that some of the officers of the vessel being seized, on the ground that anything discovered on a Japanese vessel was immune from seizure by the Customs. The Customs officials concerned thought otherwise; however, and communication was quickly established with Headquarters, from whence came the order that sanction for all work on the loading and unloading of the "Nikko Maru" be withdrawn, and that work should not be resumed till the whole of the contraband, drug had been handed over. It was apparently evident to the Japanese authorities, that someone had blundered, for we are given to understand that an official apology was forthcoming without much delay, and that there was no further opposition to the Customs taking possession of the contraband.

We state the above facts as related to us. The source of our information is so reliable that we have not the slightest doubt as to their authenticity in the main. It is evident that with the collusion of somebody officially connected with the "Nikko Maru," an attempt was being made to smuggle a valuable consignment of contraband into Shanghai, and that only the alertness and subsequent firm attitude of the Customs authorities (which, we are informed, was backed by the N.Y.K. local officials) prevented the attempt being successful. The whole affair is greatly to be regretted, and it is to be hoped that the Japanese authorities will make a full and searching inquiry into the whole matter, that all those proved to have been concerned, actively or passively, will receive the punishment to which the merits of the case will be taken to ensure that the Customs authorities have every assistance in the performance of their legitimate duties, and that those who have taken a part in the attempt will have refused to be allowed no opportunity of a repetition.

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## ARRIVALS.

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Shidzuka Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Seattle, Shanghai.—Kowloon Wharf.  
Takaoka Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Yokohama, Moji.—Kowloon Wharf.  
Malaya, (John Manners & Co.) from Yokohama, Shanghai.—Kowloon Wharf.  
Kwangtung, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—B13.  
Sunning, (B. & S.) from Canton.—B9.  
Kwongshing, (J. M. & Co.) from Tsingtau, Swatow.—Co's Wharf.  
Lungshan Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Canton.—C42.  
Nairung, (Nemaze) from Swatow.—Off Stonecutters.  
Gorjistan, (China Mail) from Sourabaya, Singapore.—A4.  
Wingang, (J. M. & Co.) from Canton.—B56.  
Ermland, (Arnhold Bros.) from Yokohama, Shanghai.—A5.  
Namwah, (Chun Hing) from Pak-hoi.—C44.  
Banyei Maru, (Matsui & Co.) from Keelung.—C47.  
Ounsaag, (J. M. & Co.) from Bangkok.—C41.  
Taishun, (C.M.S.N.) from Canton.—Co's Wharf.

## DEPARTURES.

Indigirka, (R. V. Fleet) for Shanghai, Swatow.—December 15.  
Unkai Maru, (M.B.K.) for Keelung.—December 15.  
Malaya, (John Manners) for Copenhagen, Singapore.—December 15.  
Takaoka Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Bombay, Singapore.—December 15.  
Huichow, (B. & S.) for Bangkok, Hoibow.—December 15.  
Chungching, (Heung On) for Fort Bayard.—December 15.  
Yunnan, (B. & S.) for Haiphong, Hoibow.—December 15.  
Sungshan Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Shanghai, Swatow.—December 16.  
Sunning, (B. & S.) for Tsingtau, Shanghai.—December 16.  
Mausang, (J. M. & Co.) for Sandakan.—December 16.  
Taishun, (C.M.S.N.) for Shanghai.—December 16.

## HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors to following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

ISLAND.	Feet
Signal Station	1774
St. Paul's	1714
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Lukoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Alterbeds)	393
MAINTLAND.	
Taiwan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971
Lau Loek	1046
Shatin Pass	1000
Customs Pass	780
Devil's Peak	784

## NOISY HEDGEHOGS.

BIRDS THAT COLLIDE IN  
MID-AIR.

Mr. Richard Kearton, the naturalist, has produced in "At Home with Wild Nature" (Cassell, 7s. 6d. net), a fascinating volume dealing with birds and animals in Britain, accompanied by a remarkable series of close-range photographs taken by himself and his brother Captain Cherry Kearton. The book is redolent of a love of wild nature. Mr. Kearton is an acute and patient observer and he is a happy knack of discovering all sorts of out of the way facts. How many people, for instance, know that hedgehogs upon occasion produce weird sounds by night very puzzling to the ear of the field naturalist, and when in trouble are capable of creating the most diabolical din? About birds, especially, he has many strange stories to relate. Wild ducks are sometimes picked up on the decks of ships lying at anchor in large rivers and estuaries. They strike the rigging or funnels during their nocturnal flights, and as many as five were found one morning aboard a vessel lying at the mouth of the Thames. I have seen puffins collide in mid-air, and petrels and other sea-fowl have been known to do so and fall into passing boats. Even more curious was the fate of certain partridges and starlings. A flock of nine once witnessed a copy of partridge collide with an express train in Lincolnshire, and after wards picked up eleven members of the family lying dead by the four-foot way. A flock of starlings recently collided with a Welsh railway engine. The impact was powerful enough to apply the vacuum brake and bring the whole train to a standstill!

The relative intelligence of various birds and animals has much exercised Mr. Kearton. "Of all the wild creatures to be found in the British Islands I consider the crow the most intelligent. I espied a fox trotting leisurely along a plantation about two hundred yards in front of me and put my finger on my lips and began to squeal like a rabbit in trouble. Keaton picked up the sound instantly, and turning in his tracks began to gallop straight towards me. Upon arriving at a point about forty yards away in front of my hiding contrivance he slowed his pace and came to the conclusion that he had better sit down and think the matter out. The wind was blowing directly from my right hand over the tent and away across the lonely moor."

A few moments' reflection evidently convinced the wily animal that he had better consult the evidence of his nose as well as that of his ears, and trotting away to my extreme left he studied the breeze. The wind told him everything he wanted to know, and he turned round and crept stealthily away.

The death is announced after a short illness, of Mr. G. O. F. Allen, British Consul at Batavia, aged 64.



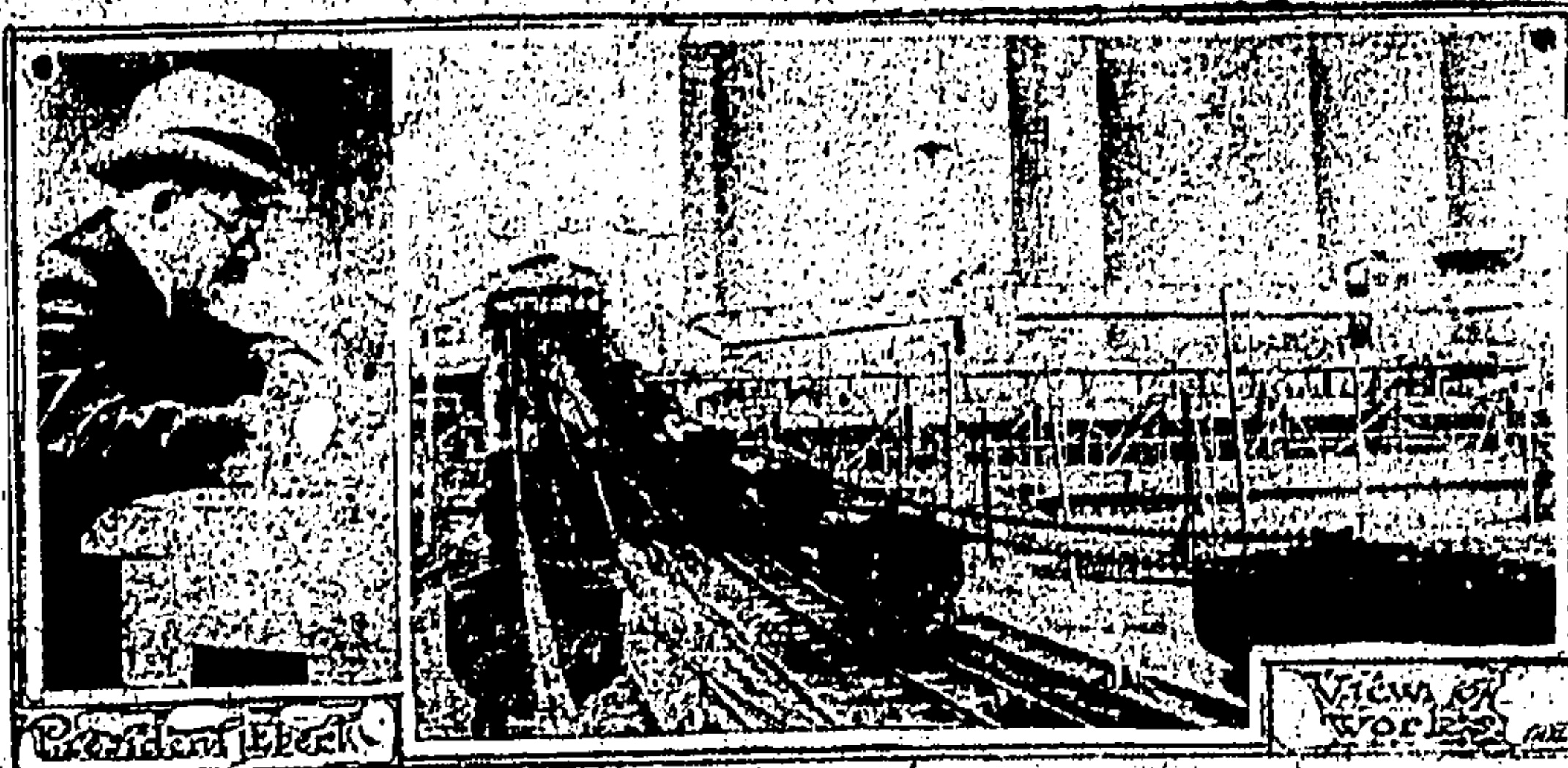






Candido Sassone and Aurelio Greco.

Remarkable picture of a rapier duel fought on the Italian estate of the Duke of Salaparuta between Candido Sassone, fencing instructor for Prince Ereditario, and Aurelio Greco. The duel had once been stopped by the police, but the duellists, foremost swordsmen in Italy, arranged to meet on the private estate. Sassone was seriously wounded.



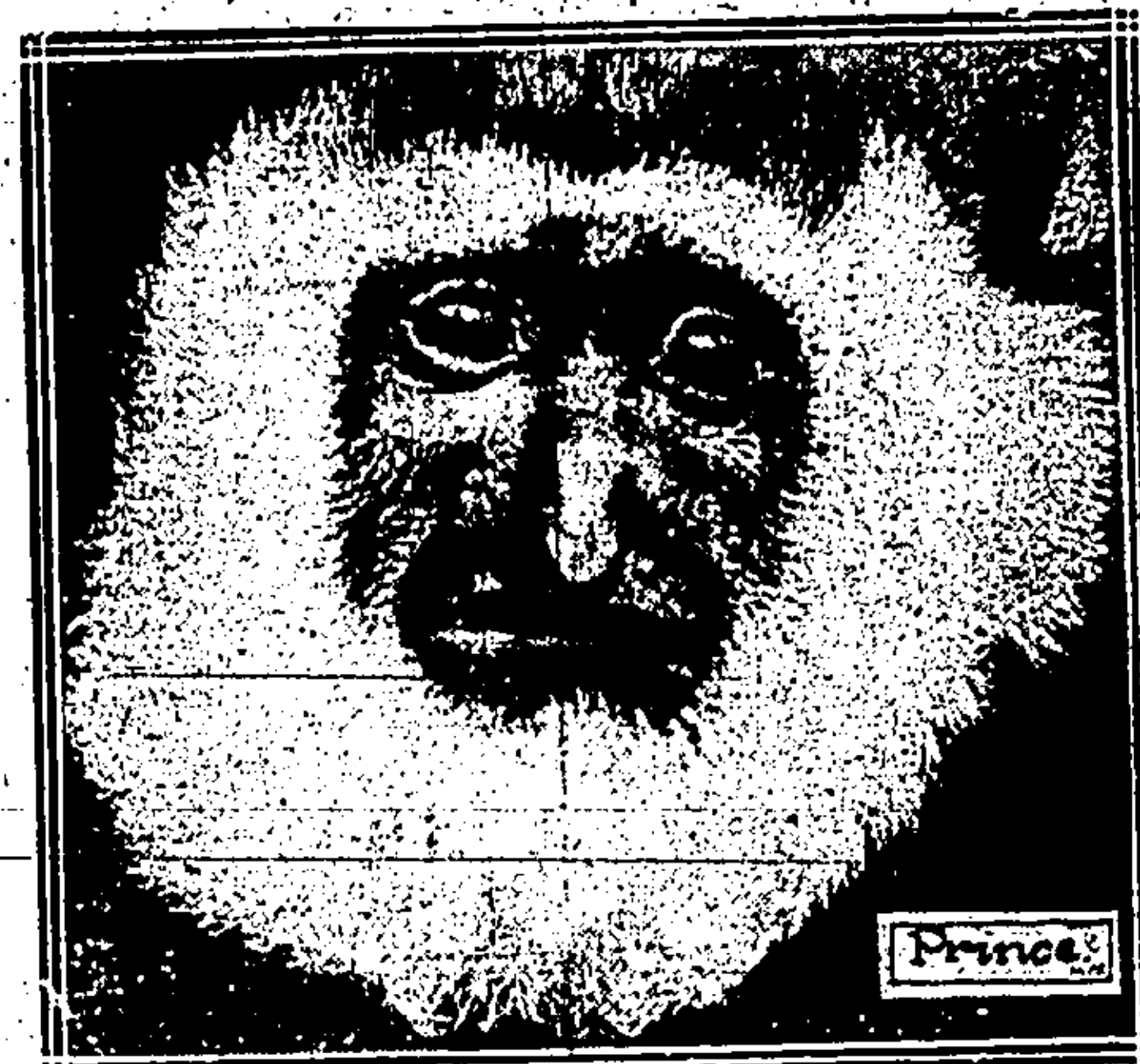
Herr Ebert President of Germany recently visited the great electric power works at Zachornowitz. This plant, the greatest of three new ones, is a step to the entire electrification of Germany. By means of 100-kilometer 100,000 volt lines, radiating from the plants, it is now possible to supply all middle Germany with power at reasonable rates.



This is the first photograph to reach England of former King Constantine of Greece, with former Queen Sophie and their youngest daughter, now living at Palermo, Italy, their place of exile.



Carlin, Lanarkshire, Scotland, has its Lourdes Grotto as well as France. It was built by the women of the village, under direction of the parish priest.



Here is Prince, known as the Colobus monkey. He has just been added to the London Zoo.



Mrs. Russell Maughan and her baby were showered with flowers and congratulations at their home in San Francisco, when Lieutenant Maughan broke all world's records by flying 248.5 miles an hour at Sault Ste. Marie, Detroit. Mrs. Maughan told friends the reason her husband made such a wonderful flight was because he was "fit, happy and in love with his family." Lieutenant Maughan won the D. S. C. for winging four German fliers in the World War, carrying as his talisman a photograph of his wife.



Captain C. S. Cochran has brought the United States coastguard cutter "Bear" into Seattle, Wash., after a 23,000 mile voyage in the Arctic ice-fields, where he met Captain Roald Amundsen, the explorer. Though this winter's ice is the worst in twenty years, Amundsen expressed the utmost confidence in his ability to fly across the North Pole.



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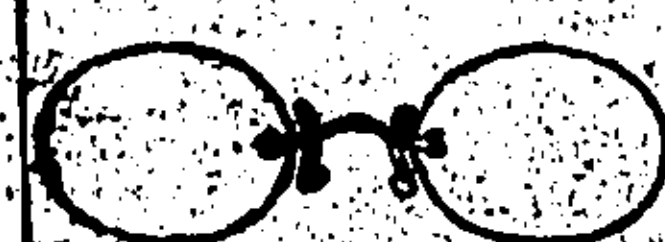
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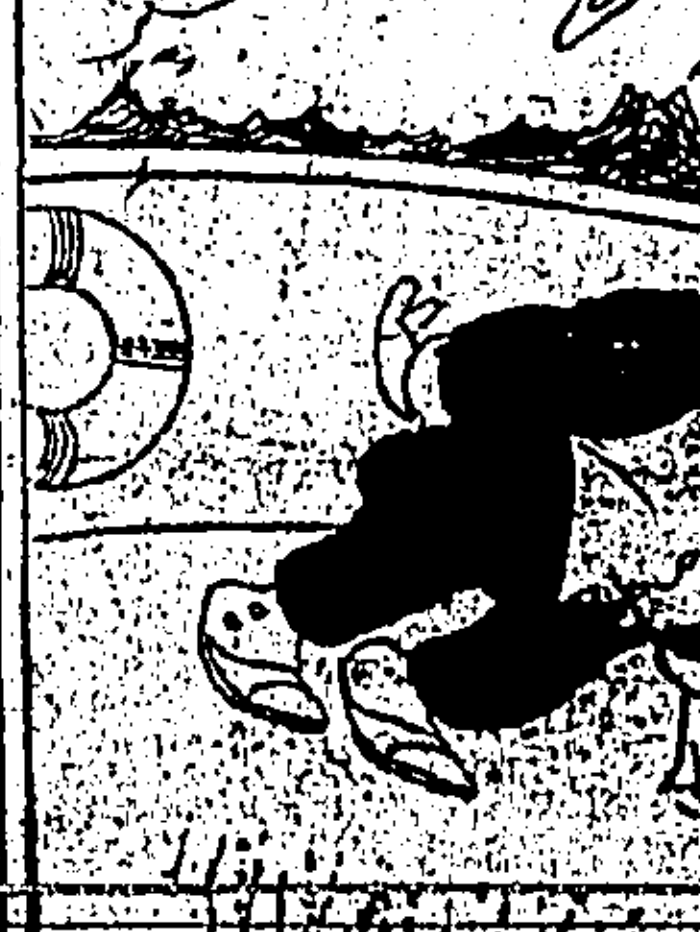


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